Shortage of drinking water in M.P. Village

3088. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of hand pumps installed in the villages of Madhya Pradesh have dried out causing acute shortage of drinking water in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Out of 2,36,702 hand pumps installed to provide drinking water supply in rual areas, only 25,824 hand pumps are out of order due to depletion of water table and other reasons.

(c) The State Government has prepared an action plan to combat drinking water problems of the Sate. It is proposed to carry out blasting or hydrofracturing in affected tube wells for increasing yield and the riser pipes are to be extended in the tube wells where depletion of water level has occurred. It is also proposed to drill additional proposed to drill additional tube wells in scarcity affected villages to provide new sources for drinking water supply arrangement. The State Government is taking necessary steps in this matter well in time.

Distribution of waste land among tribals of M.P.

3089. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to distribute wasteland among the tribals of Madhya Pradesh for afforestation and deriving benefits therefrom in the State on permanent basis;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) to (c) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of land ceiling laws

3090. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to have a major review of land ceiling laws in rural areas so that farming becomes economically viable, and can eventually be upgraded to an industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) There is no proposal with the Central Government for a major review of agricultural land ceiling laws.

(b) Does not arise.